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Inmate Death at FCI Ashland

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, December 4, 2020, inmate Timothy Bower tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Ashland in Ashland, Kentucky, and was placed in medical isolation. On Saturday, December 12, 2020, Mr. Bower was observed having difficulty breathing. Responding staff administered aide and requested emergency medical services (EMS). Upon arrival of EMS staff, Mr. Bower became unresponsive. EMS staff immediately initiated life-saving measures and transported Mr. Bower to a local hospital. Mr. Bower, who had long-term pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Bower was a 56-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Michigan to a 168-month sentence for Distribution of Child Pornography. He had been in custody at FCI Ashland since June 21, 2018.

FCI Ashland is a low security facility that currently houses 979 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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